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RESOLUTION NO. 26-031
FILE ID 26-041

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ORLEANS

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE NEW ORLEANS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND CITY OF NEW
ORLEANS FOR BUS CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE EAST NEW ORLEANS
REGIONAL LIBRARY**

Introduced by Commissioner Mann,
seconded by Commissioner Major.

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (“RTA”) Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 24-055 in November 2024, authorizing RTA to contract with New Flyer for the purchase of three battery electric buses and the purchase and installation of related charging infrastructure, a project known as RTA’s Battery Electric Bus Pilot Program (“Pilot Program”); and

WHEREAS, the final component of the Pilot Program is for RTA to install an “on-route” battery electric bus charger and related infrastructure (“Improvements”) so that battery electric buses may maintain a battery charge and provide reliable service to customers; and

WHEREAS, RTA has determined that fixed bus routes operating in New Orleans East are optimal for deploying the three battery electric buses procured under the Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, RTA has determined that a location on Lake Forest Boulevard near the intersection of Read Boulevard in front of the East New Orleans Regional Library (“Site”) is the optimal location for the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Site consists of right-of-way and a parcel owned by the City of New Orleans (“City”); and



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WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 7, Section 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and related statutes, the RTA may enter cooperative endeavors with the State of Louisiana, its political subdivisions and corporations, and any public or private corporation, association, or individual for, among other public purposes, joint planning and implementation of public works; and

WHEREAS, the RTA and City have mutually agreed on the preliminary terms of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement ("CEA") that will allow RTA to design, permit, and construct the Improvements and utilize the Site with no payment due to the City; and

WHEREAS, the CEA contains other customary provisions including continued coordination between RTA and City, indemnification language, and termination language; and

WHEREAS, the final terms of the CEA will be reviewed and approved by the respective legal departments of RTA and City prior to signature; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Regional Transit Authority that the Chair of the Board or her designee is authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of New Orleans, subject to the prior review and approval of RTA's legal department, for installation, maintenance, and use of battery electric bus charging infrastructure on Lake Forest Boulevard adjacent to the East New Orleans Regional Library.



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**THE FOREGOING WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION
THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:**

YEAS:	<u>6</u>
NAYS:	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>
ABSENT:	<u>0</u>

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THE 26th DAY OF MAY 2026.

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ANN D. DUPLESSIS
CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS